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LETTER DATED 12 NOVEMBER 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF EGYPT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Security Council will soon be seized with the issue of electing the Secretary-General of the United Nations. As you know, two major regional organizations, the Organization of African Unity and the League of Arab States, have endorsed Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali for a second full term as Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Upon instructions from my Government, I am formally submitting the candidature of Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali of Egypt for re-election to the post of Secretary-General of the United Nations, and would appreciate it if you would circulate to members of the Council, as a document of the Security Council, this letter, to which is attached the Declaration of the Yaoundé Summit on an African candidature for a second term as Secretary-General of the United Nations, adopted unanimously by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its thirty-second ordinary session, held at Yaoundé from 8 to 10 July 1996.

The candidature of Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali enjoys wide support by the majority of the United Nations membership, and it is my Government's hope that the outcome of the Council's discussions will duly reflect the will of the majority.

(Signed) Nabil ELARABY
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Annex

Declaration of the Yaoundé Summit on an African candidature for a second term as Secretary-General of the United Nations, adopted at Yaoundé on 8 July 1996

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its thirty-second ordinary session at Yaoundé, Cameroon, from 8 to 10 July 1996,

Recalling resolution AHG/Res.243 (XXXI) 1995, by which the Assembly of Heads of State and Government expressed its appreciation to Boutros Boutros-Ghali for his initiatives at the helm of the United Nations Organization,

1. Reaffirms the historic importance of the election of an African as Secretary-General of the United Nations, thus enabling Africa to significantly contribute to the attainment of the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and to promote multilateralism;

2. Wishes to underscore Boutros Boutros-Ghali's action at the head of the United Nations Secretariat since his election in 1991;

3. Recalls the tradition and the practice at the United Nations, which consists in re-electing the incumbent Secretary-General for a second term;

4. In this regard, recommends that the necessary steps be taken by the current Chairman with all the partners, Members of the United Nations, to give Africa a second mandate, for the next five years, and recommends the candidature of Boutros Boutros-Ghali for a second term as Secretary-General of the United Nations.